

Docket No. <u>4439-4047</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Masayoshi Shichiri Confirmation No.: 9587

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For: CARDIOINHIBITORY / ANTIHYPERTENSIVE NOVEL ENDOGENOUS

PHYSIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE PEPTIDE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated March 5, 2009 in which claims 1-15 were subjected to restriction. The applicant provisionally elects to prosecute <u>Group</u> \underline{I} (i.e., claims claims 1, 2, 5, and 12-14). As is set forth in detail below, this election is made with traverse. Entry and consideration of this response are respectfully requested.

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